THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The required information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Non-Availability of "Chip Card"

3658. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahanagar Telephones Nigam Ltd. has not initiated action to open public call offices with card system;

(b) whether the "Chip Card" has created interest amongst the users;

(c) whether the card is mostly not available with the counters at Central Telegraph Office, Eastern Court, New Delhi and complaints have been lodged time and again;

(d) whether the instruments kept there and elsewhere in the city of Delhi/New Delhi are not properly maintained thus causing inconvenience to public and assisting private operators located nearby;

(e) whether Government would take appropriate measures to develop the system in all places in the country including Delhi and New Delhi; and

(0 if so, the details therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (f). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Latest telecom services for Rajasthan

3659. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide the latest telecom technology facilities like E-mail, Radio-paging VSAT services and other new/latest services in Rajasthan during 1994-95;

(b) if so, what is the time bound programme set for the propose both for postal communication services and latest telephonic facilities/ conversion of telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges etc. during 1994-95; and

(c) what steps proposed to be taken by Government or have been taken so far in this regard and budgetary allocation made, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):

(a) Yes Sir, The following value Added Services have been franchised to India registered companies:—

(i) Radio Paging Service, (ii) E-Mail Service. (iii) 64 KBPS Data Services. Details of these services are available in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below).

(b) (i) The Department or Posts is modemishing counter services in selected important post offices to optimize the benefits of computer based counter machines and this programme is planned to be further empanded during the current year in the country.

(ii) The following phone plus facilities are already available in main electronic exchanges in Rajasthan:—

1. Dynamic STD locking facility.
2. Call waiting .
3. Abbreviated dialling.
4. Call transfer.
5. Hotline.

34, 896 lines of Electro Mechanical Exchanges are planned for replacement by 5000 lines of E 10B. 1896 lines of C-DOT (MAX) and 28,000 lines of Small Electronic Exchanges (less than 2000 lines)

(c) A sum of Rs. 245. 15 crores has been allotted as budget estimate for 1994-95 to Rajasthan Circles for various capital works.

Details steps taken for Value Added Services are available in the Annexure.

Statement

Details of Value Added Services

(a) Radio Paging Services:

Tenders were invited in July, 1992 from the registered Indian Companies for operation of Radio Paging Services on a non-exclusive basis for 27 citttes of India. Jaipur was also included